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and a sacrificial meal was eaten in common; he reached the conclusion that this ritual rested on some form of totemism, in which the early community dwelling in and around the Acropolis believed that it was mystically maintained by eating an ox as a sacrament in which ox, god and worshipers were akin. The main portion of the paper was a discussion of the curious murder process held all through antiquity at the Prytaneum, where unknown murderers, inanimate things and animals were legally tried and condemned. In all these, said Professor Hyde, the moral equilibrium had been disturbed and pollution had settled upon the community; the responsible person or thing had to be brought to justice before the pollution could be removed. Trials of this sort were therefore entirely distinct in origin from those of the Buphonia, despite the fact that Pausanias makes the latter the origin of the Prytaneum trials.

Seventeen members and one guest were present. Dr. Morris Jastrow, Jr., of the Department of Semitics of the University of Pennsylvania, was elected President for the coming year, and Professor Roland G. Kent, of the Department of Indo-European Philology of the same institution, was reelected Secretary and Treasurer.

ROLAND G. KENT, *Secretary*.

#### THE CLASSICAL CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

The 126th meeting of The Classical Club of Philadelphia was held on April 28, with fifty-two members and guests present.

Professor Dana C. Munro, of Princeton University, read a most interesting paper on Advertising in the Middle Ages. Dismissing with brief notice the advertising of wares, which was accomplished by public criers and by sign boards, Professor Munro discussed "the advertising of opportunity". A leading method for such advertising was by attractively written circulars publicly read in Churches. The conclusion was reached that the Middle Ages were a period of great business opportunities and of considerable mobility of population. Interesting examples of these circulars were read. Of these some set forth the material advantage of taking the Cross in the crusades; others were specimens of really skillful real estate promotion seeking to enhance the value both of ecclesiastical and secular land holdings.

B. W. MITCHELL, *Secretary*.

#### ROMAN BANQUET AT MILWAUKEE-DOWNER SEMINARY

In March last, a Roman banquet was given, at Milwaukee-Downer Seminary, by the lower classes to the Fourth Year Students. The younger girls sent invitations in Latin, prepared a Latin menu, and acted as slaves to serve and entertain the guests. While the younger students had assistance, the Fourth Year students had, by themselves, to translate their invitations and their menu cards, and to send, in Latin, written acceptance of the invitation. Every one was in costume.

After the *mensae secundae*, *silentia facta tectis*, while prayer was made to Jupiter, "*hospitibus nana te dare iura locuntur*". Use was made of one other

line of Dido's prayer, and of two lines which the Fourth Year students had constructed.

The entertainment consisted of classic dancing, the singing of two Odes of Horace, and the presentation of the clever little play, *Pyramus and Thisbe* (to be found in *Decem Fabulae*, Oxford University Press). An entertainment which allows every student in the department to have some part is a most helpful and satisfactory piece of work. When students are encouraged to pour over the Dictionary of Antiquities and Johnston's *Private Life of the Romans*, they learn a good deal which makes Greek and Roman life real to them. It is for the teacher a very paying investment of time and effort.

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#### THE WASHINGTON CLASSICAL CLUB

The Washington Classical Club met at Fairmount Seminary on Saturday, April 8. Professor Kirby Flower Smith, of The Johns Hopkins University, addressed the Club on Martial, the Epigrammatist. With delightful humor, and rare sympathy and understanding, he brought Martial and his Epigrams before the audience. He sketched Martial's life, met convincingly the charges commonly brought against him, pictured him as a gay, improvident Bohemian, dependent upon patrons, to be sure, but giving them full value for their favors, a man of great personal attraction, who formed real friendships with his fellows, and was devoted to little children. The main-spring of his life was "candor," frankness, sincerity. He saw human life with keen and penetrating, yet just and kindly eyes, and was glad to find himself a part of it. In the perfect poise and simplicity of his style and thought, said Professor Smith, Martial outdid, perhaps, even Horace himself, as an exponent of the principle *nil nimis*.

MABEL C. HAWES, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

#### THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Classical Association of Southern California met on April 15. A discussion of Some Outstanding Points of the Latin Situation brought out the thought that in Southern California the main problem is not so much to increase the number of students beginning Latin as to keep students more than two years. The solution lay, it was agreed, in bringing the work of the first two years into closer touch with every day life. A plan to affiliate the Classical Associations of the Pacific States was heartily endorsed. A movement was also set on foot to establish a central supply bureau for the lending or rental of illustrative and supplementary material to classical teachers of Southern California.

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